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In re Application of
Stanley
Application No. 10/604,319
Filed: July 10, 2003
Attorney Docket No. 5701-01292
For: METHOD OF ATTACHING A SEAT
BELT TO A SEAT BELT TENSION
SENSOR

DECISION ON
PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed October 14, 2003 requesting that Figures 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13a, 13b, 14a, and 14b be accorded a filing date of July 10, 2003. The petition will be treated under 37 CFR 1.53(e).

The application was filed on July 10, 2003. On September 22, 2003, the Office of Initial Patent Examination mailed a "Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application" informing petitioner that Figures 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13a, 13b, 14a, and 14b, as described in the specification, appeared to have been omitted.

Petitioners request that Figures 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13a, 13b, 14a, and 14b be accorded a filing date of July 10, 2003 on the basis that they were electronically filed with the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on July 10, 2003.

A review of the application file reveals that Figures 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13a, 13b, 14a, and 14b are present.

Accordingly, the Notice of September 22, 2003 was mailed in error and is hereby vacated. The petition under 37 CFR 1.53(e) is **GRANTED**. Pursuant to petitioner's authorization, the \$130.00 petition fee will be refunded to petitioner's credit card.

The application is being returned to Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing, with a filing date of **July 10, 2003**. Office records will show that 7 sheets of drawings were present on initial filing. All figures intended to be filed on July 10, 2003, as indicated by their inclusion in the Brief Description of Drawings in the specification filed on July 10, 2003, were present upon initial filing and properly identified.

Any inquiries pertaining to this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 308-6712.



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